

## JAPANESE CARRYING THE WAR INTO MANCHURIA

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out of port. The Korietz took up an offensive attitude toward the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively and then the Korietz returned to her anchorage in the port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, formally called on the Russian warships. The Japanese warships left the port at about 11:30 a. m. and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian islands. After about an hour's engagement the Russian warships sought refuge among the islands. Toward evening the Russian cruiser Variaz sank, and at about 4 a. m. today, Feb. 10, the Korietz was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up. The officers and men of the two sunken vessels sought refuge on the Russian cruiser Chempulpa, which was the only one of the Japanese side."

### The Destroyed Cruisers.

The cruiser Variaz, which was built at Cramp's ship yard, Philadelphia, in 1890, was of steel, unarmored. She was of 6,500 tons displacement and her indicated horse power 20,000. On her speed trial she made twenty-two knots per hour for eight hours. She was 400 feet long, 32 feet beam and had a depth of hold of 20 feet. The Variaz's armament consisted of twelve six-inch quick firing guns, twelve twelve-pound quick firing guns, eight three-pounder quick firing guns, two one-pounder quick firing guns, two six-inch torpedoes, two of which were submerged.

The Korietz was built in Stockholm. She was of steel and was 296 feet in length, 35 feet in beam, 1,413 tons displacement and 1,500 indicated horse power. Her speed was thirteen knots.

The armament of the Korietz consisted of two eight-inch quick firing, two six-pound quick firing, four one-pound revolving cannon and two torpedo tubes.

### FORMAL NOTIFICATION.

This Government informed by Russia That War Exists.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called on Secretary Hay about noon today and left with him the announcement of the czar declaring war on Japan. This action is said at the state department to constitute a formal declaration of war. It is now for the president to declare the neutrality of the United States. The count's communication with the department was in writing. It was a dispatch from the Russian foreign minister to the ambassador, and was substantially as follows:

### Russian Note.

"During the night of Feb. 8 a detachment of Japanese torpedo boats unexpectedly attacked the Russian cruiser Variaz at anchor in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur. This attack, being the beginning of military operations, obliged the Russian government to take immediate measures to reply by armed force to the challenge issued against Russia. Be good enough to inform the government of the United States of this action."

There was no discussion between the ambassador and Secretary Hay of the state department's proposition to the powers looking to the neutralization of China. The department, however, is satisfied, though upon what grounds cannot be learned, that Russia is not disposed at this stage to oppose the execution of its plans. Some answers already have been received to Secretary Hay's note, but it is not yet deemed proper to make them public, even the text of the note itself. It is not doubted that the proposition meets with the approval of the powers. It practically is admitted that the effect will be to completely exclude military or naval forces of belligerents from all China south of Manchuria.

### Report From Tokio.

The United States legation at Tokio made two reports to the state department upon the battles. Strangely enough, he news of the engagement at Chempulpa was known in Tokio some time before word came of the sinking of Port Arthur. The first reads: "A naval engagement was begun today at noon (G.M.T.) outside the harbor of Chempulpa. The Japanese torpedo boat sank the Russian gunboat Korietz at 4:10 p. m. and overcame the cruiser Variaz. Hostilities were begun by the Russian gunboats firing upon a Japanese torpedo boat."

A later dispatch from the Japanese consul at Chefoo, just across the strait from Port Arthur, says: "Entire Japanese fleet engaged Russian fleet outside Port Arthur at 11 p. m. on the 8th. Two Russian battleships were sunk by torpedoes. The Russian ships outside the harbor were unable to enter. No damage to Japanese fleet."

Another dispatch from Tokio states that no Japanese lives were lost in the engagement at Chempulpa.

### Russia's Weakness.

Naval interest in the fighting continues at the highest point. One of the highest officers of the navy, commenting upon the news accounts of the engagements, says that the lesson to be drawn is the absolute necessity of maintaining a navy in continuous service instead of following the old plan of laying up ships in reserve as has been practiced by Russia. Japan, like the United States, has for the last two years kept almost every naval ship that would float continually in commission and either cruising or maneuvering, so as to reproduce the actual conditions of war as near as possible. Another demonstration of the Port Arthur and Chempulpa affairs was the perfection of the Japanese in formation division, as their naval commanders seemed to be at every moment in possession of full information of the Russian movements and the disposition of the Russian ships.

### WILD WITH EXCITEMENT.

Whole Russian People Fired With a Desire to Fight.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—2:30 p. m. No further details of the fighting off Port Arthur have been made public here, beyond the official bulletins. No telegrams from abroad concerning the attack have been received. All newspaper dispatches over the Siberian lines have been stopped and the telegraph office refuses to accept private messages for the far east except over the Persian line.

Skeptical is expressed in certain quarters that the full extent of the Russian losses has not been given out. In government circles the official bulletins are accepted as accurately representing the extent of the disaster, the general expression being that the Russian authorities had not expected an early success, especially at sea. The whole city awaited anxiously last night for official news. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed in and around the newspaper offices and a crowd of people literally besieged the ministry of interior where the Official Messenger is published. Smart carriages drove up in quick succession and the highest and lowest of the inhabitants were

in the auto-rows in the snow-covered street, waiting patiently until the first news of the morning for the first news, containing the official bulletins. The text of these communications had leaked out among the newspapermen, but as the law forbids publication of such documents until they have appeared in the Official Messenger, the editors had to wait until the government organ printed the news before starting their own press.

### Hearing the News.

The Associated Press representative, calling on a well known editor, who had been waiting for a long time for the first news, and prominent citizens, imploring him to read to them the telegrams he had received. The editor, pale with emotion, complied with the request of the bombardment of Port Arthur. Many people kept coming in and the editor was compelled to read it over and over again. The crowds expressed serious impatience at the fact that nothing was said about injuries inflicted upon the Japanese warships.

This morning the city was placarded with the imperial manifesto. The indignation with which the first "bulletin" of the "back," inflicted by Japan was received here seems to be general throughout Russia. The whole city was in a fever. From Kieff, Kharkoff, Ekaterinograd and Moscow come stories of patriotic demonstrations. Public halls were crowded and the Red Cross society is besieged with fair applicants anxious to go to the front.

The state of feeling here was illustrated at the theatres last night when people demanded the national anthem. The theatres were closed and the Red Cross society is besieged with fair applicants anxious to go to the front.

### JAPANESE ARMY AT SEOUL.

Russians Accused of Massacring 100 Chinese.

London, Feb. 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio this morning announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul. The dispatches from the dispatches published in the newspapers add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation. The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report that the Russians have massacred 100 Chinese at Liaoyang, in consequence of which the officials at Sanhaiwan are greatly alarmed and are appealing to Peking for protection.

Other dispatches from Tien Tsin say that 400 French troops have been ordered from the 8-100 for the protection of the French legation at the Korean capital, the emperor having taken refuge there. These reports lack confirmation.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tien Tsin says that Li, the favorite court official of the Czar, expressed his opinion that the Russian government is in a very difficult position and is in a very difficult position and is in a very difficult position.

The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that the Russian cruiser Diana was injured by a torpedo fired from the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur, and that the cruiser Novik and the battleship Poltava have also been beached at Port Arthur.

Special dispatches from Tokio report that fugitives from Vladivostok accuse the Russians of openly looting Japanese houses there without interference by the police.

### CZAR FIRST TO FIGHT.

How the Conflict Is Viewed by the Vatican Organ.

Rome, Feb. 10.—The Voce Della Verita, the Vatican organ, today, referring to the war in the far east, says that "illegitimate interference preventing the late Leo from participating in the peace conference at The Hague, adding:

"The absence of a papal representative has brought no good fortune to the convener of the conference, as the czar is the first to fight with a foreign country, and Europe has separated itself from the questions of dispute. If the late pope had participated at The Hague conference perhaps the influence of the present pope might have resulted in avoiding a conflict the consequences of which are unmeasurable."

### ACTIVITY OF THE JAPS.

Not a Point in the Game Is Being Overlooked.

Chefoo, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg the Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Masampo, which was occupied, and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are gathering in the bay, and a force from Vladivostok, and for the further purpose of preventing the Russian fleet from entering the harbor.

Other Japanese war vessels are aiming to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore. The Russian battleship damaged at Port Arthur is the Peresviet, Zarewitch or Ritz-evan. The cruiser Bodarin was beached when the tide was falling and has not been floated and will be damaged, as a northeast gale was blowing today. The Japanese fleet was blowing retired to Masampo and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night.

General Tchichikoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria today.

### JAPAN COMMANDS THE SEA.

Deductions Drawn by German Naval Officers.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Naval men were doing little else at the admiralty today than talking about the Japanese-Russian engagements and their deductions to be drawn therefrom. One conviction was that Japan had acquired such a superiority that her command of the sea practically results. The military losses of the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur to leave the protection of the shore batteries embolden Japan, in the opinion of the naval experts here, to drive the Japanese ships into the sea. That the Japanese ships were added, was not regarded as indicating losses.

### Sharp Contrast.

A contrast is also made between the condition of Japanese and Russian ships. All the former were docked within six weeks and every bit of internal apparatus was in perfect order and tuned up for action, while some of the Russian vessels were added, had not been docked for a year.

Which was did Japan's new cruisers, Nishin and Kasuga, so after leaving Singapore, in the case of the subjects for speculation on the part of the German officials, the favorite view being that they sailed westward so as to lie

in the course of the Russian troops bound eastward, and also, possibly, two of which were beyond Aden, sailing eastward, before the hostilities began.

Although the two new Japanese cruisers are far from completely equipped, they might be at even match for the Russian armored cruiser Dmitri Donskoi and her accompanying torpedo boats.

### Expected Raids.

The breaking of the Manchurian railroad at one of several points far westward of Harbin is expected, as the Japanese working in Manchuria are thoroughly familiar with the topography and are likely to have been prepared to act, only waiting for the announcement that the war had begun. Japanese troops, it is said here, have probably already arrived with bands of Chinese marauders to break the railroad and keep it broken.

Expert opinion here expects that Japan will strike a fresh blow every day. The German mails from the east are now forwarded by way of New York.

### BOTH CRUISERS DESTROYED.

Korietz Exploded—Japanese Vessels Were Uninjured.

Tokio, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—The destruction of the Russian cruiser Chempulpa on Tuesday is officially confirmed, but details are lacking. Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, sent a brief telegram to the navy department saying that the two Russian vessels exploded about 4:30 o'clock. It is not clear how the Variaz was destroyed. The loss of life and the effect of the shells on the Russians are unknown. It is possible that Russian crews aided in the destruction of their vessels to avoid capture and annihilation. The Japanese did not lose a man and the Japanese ships are withheld for strategic reasons. The Russian crews, it is reported, surrendered to the Japanese.

### United States Neutral.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The president has decided to remain neutral in the Russo-Japanese war. The president's decision is based on the fact that the United States is not a party to the conflict and that the United States is not a party to the conflict.

### Report Untrue.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—There is no truth in the report cable from Brussels yesterday that Russia is negotiating with the Japanese for a peace. The Russian government is not negotiating with the Japanese for a peace. The Russian government is not negotiating with the Japanese for a peace.

### Declaration of War.

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### NOVEL BANQUET.

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### ARMY IS NOT LARGE.

Russia Has Less Than 100,000 Men in Manchuria.

London, Feb. 11.—The Peking correspondent of the London Times ascribes to the Russian minister at Tokio the statement that the Russian forces in the far east to the claim (arising from the Boxer troubles) put forward by M. de Giers (then Russian minister at Peking) during the peace negotiations at Peking in 1900 for an indemnity of £17,500,000 on the ground that Russia had put 170,000 men in the field in 1900.

It is now known, however, that the real number of these men will be under 100,000. Continuing, the correspondent says an American military officer who has just returned to Peking from a trip through Manchuria, made for the purpose of reporting the situation, declares that all the Russian troops in Manchuria are not as well equipped as they are reported to be.

While he was at Port Arthur, on Jan. 21, the Russian fleet was hurriedly ordered to sea, but in getting out two vessels struck fast in the mud of the shallow basin and were compelled to remain behind.

### Detailed to Watch War.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Mr. Griscom, the American minister at Tokio, has been detailed to watch the war. The American minister at Tokio, has been detailed to watch the war. The American minister at Tokio, has been detailed to watch the war.

The failure is due to bad loans and injudicious management. The volume of business has been steadily decreasing, and the failure is almost without significance. It is in no way indicative of the general business conditions of the country.

The assets and liabilities are given at \$62,781. The bank's capital was \$200,000 and it had deposits of \$285,273.

### CASHIER WAS SHORT.

New Hampshire Bank Closed by the State Examiner.

Wolboro, N. H., Feb. 10.—The doors of the Wolboro Loan & Banking company here were closed today by State Savings Bank Examiner Baker, on the ground that the company was insolvent.

Attorneys for \$30,000 have been placed by the company on property held by Piper.

The best and banking departments have liabilities estimated at \$120,000 and carried before the run about \$75,000 in deposits. The savings department has deposits of about \$170,000, which constitute the bulk of liabilities.

### PARTISAN FEELING.

Howell of Utah Helped to Unseat His Namesake.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Congressman Howell has been designated as a member of the sub-committee of the committee on industrial arts and exhibitions to investigate the proposed appropriation of money for the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland, Ore.

In the house today Mr. Howmense, Howell of Pennsylvania, Democrat, contended, and sent the Republican contestant, Conrad, much feeling was shown in the contest as it was generally admitted had the case been set by the Democrats would have been retained.

### IOWA DEMOCRATS.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 10.—An anti-Hearst man, C. W. Ford, an anti-Hearst man, was selected as temporary chairman of the Democratic state convention, which will be held in Des Moines March 10.

The decision was reached here today by the Democratic state convention, which was held at Dubuque was the Hearst candidate.

### GLASS PLANTS CLOSED.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—All the plants owned by the National Glass company, which number are 100 and employ 1,000 men, were closed today by the National Glass company, which number are 100 and employ 1,000 men.

Shut sale at Richardson & Adams, 175 Main street.

Agatha Berkhof sings Friday night.

### The most intensely interesting Book

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Sample miniature copy in every place.

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## BONDS TO BE ISSUED

President Roosevelt Making Plans to Raise the Canal Money.

Washington, Feb. 10.—As it seems certain now that the Panama canal treaty will be ratified soon by the senate, and therefore we have no knowledge of its ultimate destination.

The Panama canal treaty, which was introduced today, is a bill to authorize the president to issue bonds to raise the money immediately needed and to appoint the commission, if it should be decided that the Spooner act does not confer that authority, no doubt is expressed that congress will enact promptly the necessary legislation.

As regards the composition of the canal commission, it is thought that Rear Admiral Walker, president of the present commission, will be a member and probably will head it. Isham Randolph, chief engineer of the Chicago and North Western, and Governor W. Davis, U. S. A., retired, also, it is believed, have been decided upon as members of the commission.

New York, Feb. 10.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw was in conference today with ship and bankers at the sub-treasury regarding the government's payment of Panama canal money. Definite arrangements have been made for the payment of the canal money.

Shaw the banks sent \$12,000,000 in bonds to the sub-treasury, which will be pledged temporarily to secure deposits made by them of government funds by out-of-town banks. These funds will be held only a few days, but the additional deposits of collateral have been made in accordance with law. The secretary made clear today the point that the banks would not be compelled to make deposits of collateral with the transfer to the sub-treasury. He said that the warrants for the payment would be drawn upon the sub-treasury and the demand for the withdrawal from the banks would be made simultaneously with the presentation of the warrants for payment.

Sure Cure For Piles.

Itching piles produce moisture and cause itching, this form as well as hemorrhoids, made by the cure, cured by Dr. Bo-san-ko's Pile Remedy. Stops itching and bleeding. A worse case of hemorrhoids, cured by Dr. Bo-san-ko's Pile Remedy. A worse case of hemorrhoids, cured by Dr. Bo-san-ko's Pile Remedy.

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